

A RESOLUTION to honor Beal Vernon Bourne, II, for his numerous contributions to the Knoxville community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those outstanding citizens who through unfailing devotion and determination have made significant achievements in their professions and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Beal Vernon Bourne, II, is one such person who has earned the respect of the citizens of Knoxville, this Assembly, and the state of Tennessee for his numerous contributions to business, his church, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourne began his meritorious life in Pulaski, Virginia, the son of the late Theodore and Ruth Miller Bourne and brother of William, Carl Edward and Michael; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Bourne accepted a call to the military and served valiantly with the United States Army, achieving the rank of Sergeant E-5; and

WHEREAS, knowing the importance of education, Mr. Bourne earned his certificate in history through the University of Maryland's European Division while stationed in Frankfurt, Germany; and

WHEREAS, after returning to the States and receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, Mr. Bourne sought a life of public service and looked for a career in which he would be able to use his time and talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourne found a need in the community for more skillful black morticians and subsequently enrolled in the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, where he earned his mortician's degree; and

WHEREAS, greatly influenced and counseled by the Grevious family, Mr. Bourne embarked upon a successful career, and in 1973, he accepted a position with Jarnigan and Son Mortuary, where he remains an integral part of the firm's professional operations; and

WHEREAS, Beal Bourne has proven to be a valuable asset to the Knoxville community as he has been very active in numerous organizations including the Love Kitchen, Senior Citizen Home Assistance Service, the Black Community Development Corporation, the American Legion, Knoxville's United Way, the Knoxville Epileptic Foundation, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Commission of Greater Knoxville, Leadership Knoxville, the Joe Jones Council, the YMCA and YWCA, Chilhowee PTA, and the University of Tennessee Faculty Club and Chancellor's Associates; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help knows no bounds, Mr. Bourne has been involved in many charitable and philanthropic fraternities and associations such as the Phi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the C.C. Russell Lodge, Knights Templar, Keblah Temple 78 Shriners, and the J.E. Derricks Elks Lodge; and

WHEREAS, for his exemplary service and professionalism, Mr. Bourne has had a number of awards conferred upon him: 1992 Bronze Man of the Year, the 1991 Knoxville Urban League Community Service Award, the National Funeral Directors Leadership Award and Big Brothers Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourne has not only shown a commitment to his profession and community, he has also shown, through his selfless commitment to the Lennon-Seney United Methodist Church, his devotion to God; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourne proudly shares the many joys and triumphs in his life with his loving wife, the former Peggy S. Wright, and their two sons, Maurice and John; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourne is truly an outstanding individual and model Tennessean whose life serves as a shining example of the virtues of hard work and dedication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Mr. Beal

Bourne for his numerous contributions to business, church, family, and the entire Knoxville community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.